

**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

November 17, 2003

**H.R. 2408
National Wildlife Refuge Volunteer Act of 2003**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on October 29, 2003

H.R. 2408 would authorize the appropriation of \$24 million over the 2004-2009 period for certain partnership and volunteer programs administered by the United State Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Under these programs, the USFWS executes cooperative agreements with organizations such as nonprofit groups, academic institutions, and state or local agencies to benefit wildlife refuges and also coordinates volunteer programs at these refuges. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 2408 would cost about \$4 million in 2004 and \$20 million over the 2004-2008 period as summarized in the following table. (There would be an additional \$4 million in spending for 2009.)

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Authorization Level	4	4	4	4	4
Estimated Outlays	4	4	4	4	4

H.R. 2408 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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